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Applicant:	HEI ET AL.	Examiner:	E. McAVOY
Serial No.:	10/049,452	Group Art Unit:	1764
Filed:	FEBRUARY 12, 2002	Docket No.:	163.1404USWO
Title:	CONVEYOR LUBRICANT, PASSIVATION OF A THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINER TO STRESS CRACKING, AND THERMOPLASTIC STRESS CRACK INHIBITOR		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 8, 2003.

Restriction/Election

Applicants elect for examination Group III, claims 29-74. ✓

Please cancel without prejudice non-elected claims of:

Group I, claims 1-14, 90-92, 111-115, and 126;

Group II, claims 15-28, 90-92, 111-115, and 126;

Group IV, claims 75-89 and 98-110; and

Group V, claims 93-97 and 116-125.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement. All claims are sufficiently related so as not to impose an undue burden on the Examiner to search the related groups. Specifically, the claims all share a common special technical feature of products or processes directed to control of stress cracking properties.

Inventorship

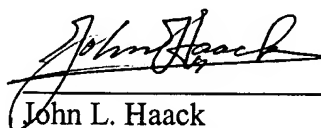
Applicants respectfully note that in view of the above election and cancellation of claims the inventorship of the originally named inventors is revised as discussed in the accompanying Correction of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(b).

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Correction of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) and check in the amount of \$130.00
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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